

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 155A.6, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 4, “Pharmacist-Interns,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment changes the elements required for registration as a pharmacist-intern to indicate that the Board will accept either a social security number or an individual tax identification number (ITIN). The ITIN enables a foreign student and the student’s dependents to be identified and to file tax returns when the student or dependents are not eligible for a social security number. The individuals identified using an ITIN may be employed or be in receipt of scholarship or fellowship funding. The Board’s amendment recognizes the ITIN as a valid element of identification when a social security number is not obtainable.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the December 9, 2015, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 2301C**. The Board received numerous written comments regarding the proposed amendment; all commenters expressed support for the amendment. The adopted amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

The amendment was approved during the January 13, 2016, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no substantial impact on jobs has been found. Changing the identification requirements for registration as a pharmacist-intern to accept either social security number or individual tax identification number (ITIN) enables a foreign student and the student’s dependents to be identified and file tax returns when the student or dependents are not eligible for a social security number. The individuals identified using an ITIN may be employed or be in receipt of scholarship or fellowship funding. The Board’s acceptance of the ITIN in lieu of a social security number does not create or eliminate the job; the Board’s action recognizes the ITIN as a valid means of identification.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.6.

This amendment will become effective on March 23, 2016.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 4.6(1) as follows:

4.6(1) *Application for registration—required information.* Application for registration as a pharmacist-intern shall be on forms provided by the board, and all requested information shall be provided on or with such application. The application shall require that the applicant provide, at a minimum, the following: name; address; telephone number; date of birth; social security number or individual tax identification number (ITIN); and name and location of college of pharmacy and anticipated month and year of graduation. The college of pharmacy shall certify the applicant’s eligibility to practice as a pharmacist-intern.

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